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2 Board Members

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CHAMBER MONTHLY MEETING
2nd Monday of the month.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Brooke Leugers, Member
Vice President, Karen Walton, Member
Treasurer, Tanya Gonzalez, Tanya R. Gonzalez CPA
Secretary, JR Tonjum, Venture West Realty
Tara Forsberg, Stageline Pizza
Jeff Elliott, Three Forks Schools
Connie Hussung, Executive Director
Katie LaLiberty, Website Administrator



Next TF Chamber Meeting

Monday, October 8th—at 12 pm Noon

At City Hall

All Members Encouraged and Welcome to Attend!
Get Involved for the Greater Good of our Community!!

The 2018-2019 Three Forks Chamber of Commerce Phone Books will be in the mailbox very soon! Be watching for your copy! Additional copies will be available for sale at City Hall and Main Street Office!

Three Forks Chamber of Commerce Unapproved Minutes September 10, 2018

The September Chamber meeting was held at Stageline Pizza. Present at the meeting were President, Brooke Leugers (Member); Vice-President, Karen Walton (Member); Treasurer, Tanya Gonzalez (Tanya R. Gonzalez, CPA, PC); Board Members Tara Forsberg (Stageline Pizza) and Jeff Elliot (Three Forks School System); Executive Secretary, Connie Hussung; Website Administrator, Katie LaLiberty and the following members: Dr. Jack Berg and Ranee Berg (Three Forks Chiropractic); Dave Tudor (Tudor & Associates, Inc.); Julie Tudor (Whitetail Ranch Center). Secretary J.R. Tonjum (Venture West Realty) was not present and Tara took notes for the meeting, which were later compiled by JR as the unapproved meeting minutes.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Brooke.

Welcome Members and Visitors: Brooke welcomed and thanked the members for their attendance.

Approval of Minutes: The August 2018 unapproved minutes were sent prior to the meeting a motion to accept the meeting minutes was made and seconded and approved.

Treasurer Report: Reports were sent prior to meeting. Tanya reviewed the Profit & Loss, Budget to Actuals, and Balance Sheet. Expenses: Michael's \$20.23 (Ambassador Committee Ribbon); Target \$299.97 (Chamber Canopies); Straight Talk Phone \$134.81 (3-Month Subscription for Chamber Phone); Three Forks Market \$40.69 (Teachers Welcome Back BBQ Supplies); Potty Princess \$65.00 (VIC Porta Potty Rental August 2018); Seiler's Hardware \$38.72 (2018 VIC Supplies); Three Forks Market \$10.00 (Fun Money Reimbursement); Three Forks Motor Supply \$10.00 (Fun Money Reimbursement); Payrolls: Judith Hecker \$335.85 and \$67.57, Linda Hessen \$568.51 and \$306.84, Connie Hussung \$865.88, Katie LaLiberty \$129.34, Brooke McLees \$437.50 and \$133.45, Carolyn Miller \$551.09 and \$246.42, Mary Miller \$205.53 and \$44.72, Fawn Venzor \$44.71. Tara made a motion to pay checks, Karen seconded, motion approved. Tanya also reported that the tent was rented one time and two cookbooks were sold. Connie did not think we had yet received an invoice from Main St. Office for Rodeo Days.

Executive Secretary Report: There were

73 calls received/returned, 127 emails, 0 visitor packets, and 0 relocation packets sent. In addition to the general correspondence (emails, weekly bulletin, phone calls), Connie attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Iron Horse Café, helped with the Welcome Back Teacher Tailgate BBQ, and spent time organizing A/P A/R folders. Connie continued to work with the VIC staff and staff hours to assure we are staying within the allotted hours in the grant. The VIC had its last day Sunday September 9. Carolyn Miller has shown interest in taking on more duties. Connie is putting the finishing touches on the Chamber phone book with Main Street Office.

Website Administrator Report: Katie reported that in August her hours were mostly spent with usual website updates and maintenance. She is continually working to improve our member's online listings by adding information and images. There were a few additional tasks such as updating the Ribbon Cutting Ad for the Lewis & Clark Journal and ordering a new cell phone for Connie. Another task that Katie completed this month was resolving an issue with our Security Certificate. This had been working correctly but had stopped recently. Now all browsers report that our site is secure.

Chamber Committees: Members are welcome and are encouraged to participate on a committee. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Brooke (who serves on all Committees), Connie, or a committee head.

Civic & Economic Development Committee (Committee Lead: Jeff): Brooke attended the Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development Council meeting. They would like to partner with the chamber to help bring new businesses to TF. They have financing available to help new businesses open. The NRMEDC would like to attend the next Chamber Economic / civic meeting

Special Events Committee (Committee Leads: Karen and J.R.): Karen reported on special events committee. Due to the amount of work involved, she does not feel a race will be possible this October. It requires road closures, timing equipment, and more planning than there is time for. It was discussed that maybe a bike race might be a possibility in partnership with the southwest mountain bike association. Our next even will be Christmas Stroll. Brooke reported on Manhattan Potato Festival. Brooke and JR each took a side of the vendor set-up to talk with the vendors about participating in the Three Forks Ro-

deo Days event. Brooke and JR passed out "Vendor Wanted" cards with the date of 2018 Rodeo Dayz parade and Chamber contact information and invited the vendors to participate. They also chatted with the vendors to find out if vendors prefer a park-like (grassy setting) over pavement/gravel and to inquire about what they usually pay for vendor space. Most vendors did not know about vendor opportunity in TF for rodeo. Many of JR side of vendors preferred grass to pavement and thought \$60 was a fair price for a smaller one day venue and some shared that the Potato Festival fee is \$80. Brooke's side did not have a preference for the setting. Brooke suggested \$75 for vendor fees. Tara stated fees should be more than the business licenses our local businesses pay.

Ambassadors Committee (Committee Leads: Tanya and Tara): Tara reported on Ambassador meeting. We would like to gather small items from chamber businesses for baskets for inviting new businesses to join, and larger items for new chamber businesses and ribbon cuttings. There are five businesses we want to invite and 5 possible ribbon cuttings with Stageline being the next either the 1 or 2 week in October. Tanya reported on the Iron Horse ribbon cutting. There was a good turnout and the mayor was present. Brooke added we will have balloons with the Chamber logo printed on them.

Business:

Barricades: Discussed the rental of barricades and tents. It was decided to charge non-members a rental fee with a refundable security deposit and chamber members only a security deposit. Connie will come up with a fee scale dependent on the item being rented and length of rental.

Diane reported the last farmer's market will be Thurs 13 and Special Olympics will host BBQ

Jeff brought up the Homecoming parade Friday, September 14 at 2:30pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at noon at Three Forks City Office.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tara and seconded by Diane. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Happy Fall Everyone!



Three Forks Farmers Market

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Thank you to everyone who came out each Thursday evening to enjoy the Three Forks Chamber Farmer's Market!

It was a fun summer! Congratulations to all the "Fun Bucks" winners! Thank you to our Farmer's Market Committee person—Diane Phillips for all of your wonderful dedication and work putting together such a great summer event for Three Forks!

See you all again next summer!

2018-2019 Three Forks Area Telephone Directory

The 2018-2019 Three Forks Area Telephone Directory will arrive in your mailboxes very soon! All Chamber members and residences with a 59752 or 59760 zip code will receive a copy by USPS. It's a great advertising opportunity for all Chamber Members! A lot of planning, organization, and man hours go into the local phone book, and we're happy to report it's finished!

The Three Forks phone book is a household staple! Folks have relied on this little book for many years. They pick up extra copies to send to out of town family and friends to help keep them in the loop on phone number and address changes. For some it's used to provide current addresses for Christmas card and holiday mailings. Quite honestly, it's a pretty important book to have if you're from Three Forks or from out of town! Extra copies of the Three Forks Telephone Directory can be purchased at the City Office or Main Street Office for \$2.00 each. Or you can contact the Chamber office if you need additional copies. Thank you to all the phone book helpers for your hard work on this great project!

For corrections to the phone book or to be included in next year's edition, please contact the Three Forks Chamber of Commerce Office at 406-285-4753.

Upcoming Three Forks Sports Schedule

Varsity Football

- September 28—Football at against Columbus 7:00pm
- October 5—Football at Big Timber at 7:00pm
- October 12—Football at Home against Manhattan at 7:00pm

JV Football

- September 24—Football at Home against Whitehall 5:30pm
- October 1—Football at Manhattan 5:30pm
- October 8—Football at Home against Big Timber 4:00pm

Junior High Football

- October 1—Football at Manhattan at 4:00pm
- October 8—Football at Home against Belgrade at 5:45pm

Cross Country

- September 29 at Missoula Mtn West Time TBA
- October 4 at Helena at noon
- October 6 at Big Timber at 9:00am
- October 13 at Townsend at 10:00am
- October 20—State Meet at Missoula Time TBA



Varsity & JV Volleyball

- September 22-Volleyball at Whitehall at 4:00pm
- September 27-Volleyball at Manhattan at 4:00pm
- October 4 - Volleyball at Belgrade at 4:00pm
- October 6 - Volleyball at Jefferson (Tourney) at 4:00pm
- October 9 - Volleyball at Townsend at 4:00pm
- October 11 - Volleyball at Ennis at 4:00pm
- October 16 - Volleyball at Home against Big Timber at 4:00pm
- October 17 - Volleyball at Home against Whitehall at 4:00pm

Junior High Volleyball

- September 22-Volleyball at Manhattan Tourney at 9:00am
- September 24 - Volleyball at Home against Belgrade at 4:00pm
- September 29 - Volleyball at Townsend at 4:00pm
- October 2 - Volleyball at Home against Manhattan at 4:00pm
- October 6 - Volleyball at Townsend (Tourney) at 9:00am
- October 8 - Volleyball at Home against Whitehall at 4:00pm
- October 11 - Volleyball at Ennis at 3:30pm
- October 15 - Volleyball at Home against Man Christian at 4:00pm

Come on out and support the kids!

Go Big Red!

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Three Forks Schools
Our Expectations

**We Are Respectful
We Are Safe
We Are Responsible
We Graduate!**

We are Wolves!



Go Wolves Go!



Jeff Elliott, Superintendent
Dale Kober, Board Chairperson
Justin Helvik, High School Principal
Steve Fanning, Elementary Principal
Greg Heys, Vice Principal

FALL INTO WELLNESS HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, September 22, 2018
8 a.m. to noon

Bozeman Health Belgrade Clinic + Urgent Care
206 Alaska Frontage Rd.

Free and reduced price screenings:

- CRP-HS, PSA, A1C, blood typing, vitamin D, vitamin B12, hepatitis C
- CBC, metabolic panel, iron, lipid profile – cholesterol, TSH
- Skin cancer screenings
- Athletic ability assessment (call 406-414-3440 to secure your spot!)
- Bone density screening, flu shots, breast exams, and more!

Call 406-414-1644 or visit bozemanhealth.org/healthfair for more information.
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FYI...

Article courtesy of Big Sky Business News

Women-owned Business Contributes \$4.5 Billion to Economy—Montana has an estimated 36,500 women-owned businesses, employing 34,400 and attributing to roughly \$4,654,100,000 according to the eighth annual State of Women-Owned Businesses Report, commissioned by American Express, a comprehensive report analyzing data from the U.S. Census Bureau's survey of Business Owners and factoring in relative changes in Gross Domestic Product (GDP). New this year, the report looks back to 1972, the first time the U.S. Census Bureau provided data on minority and women-owned businesses. Nationally, the number of women-owned businesses increased a dramatic 31 times since 1972—from 402,000 to 12.3 million in 2018. Employment during that time grew 40-fold from 230,000 to 9.2 million, and revenues rose from \$8.1 billion to \$1.8 trillion...217 times greater!! Montana is ranked 35th in growth of number of women-owned firms since 2007 with a 29.9% increase, 22nd in growth of jobs created with a 20.5% increase and 24th in growth of firm revenues with a 37.0% increase. That being said, Montana ranks 29th in economic clout—a ranking of all 50 states (plus DC) by the combined growth rates of women-owned businesses for number of firms, employment and revenues.

Thank you to our 2018 VIC Hosts!!

Linda Hessen, Judy Hecker, Fawn Venzor, Carolyn Miller, Mary Miller, May McLees, Judy Harris, and Brooke McLees!

Our VIC hosts do a nice job of welcoming visitors to our area. They are wonderful representatives for Three Forks and very helpful to the many visitors that have plenty of questions about the history of Three Forks and the surrounding area. They provide information about our businesses, they give directions, and they let people know about events going on during the summer and at other times of the year. They really go the extra mile to make sure that visitors in our area feel welcome and want to come back and visit our area again!

Great Job VIC Hosts! We appreciate you so much!

Visitor Information Center has a good Summer!

It was a good 2018 summer for the VIC, despite the numbers being a little lower compared to 2017. Once again, our hosts provided a wonderful first welcome to our little community! Each time I would stop in, they were delightfully speaking to guests and answering all the questions they had.

Each year we apply for the Yellowstone County Montana Tourism Grant. This year they awarded our Chamber an \$9000 grant. The grant pays the wages for the VIC hosts.

Here are some interesting stats about the number of visitors over the past few years:

Year 2008–**2545** visitors; Year 2009–**2315** visitors; Year 2010–**1847** visitors; Year 2011–**1699** visitors; Year 2012–**1909** visitors; Year 2013–**2162** visitors; Year 2014–**1611** visitors; Year 2015–**2510** visitors; Year 2016–**1859** visitors; Year 2017–**1922** visitors; 2018–**1805** visitors.

The Top Ten Out Of State Visitors: Washington State-140; Canada-63; California-96; Idaho-63; Oregon-36; Colorado-61; Florida-34; Oregon-38; Arizona-62; Minnesota-46; Utah-38. These stats are taken from the visitor register that is signed by all the people who stop by the Visitor Information Center during the summer.

Foreign visitors Came From: Australia, Belize, Canada, China, Cyprus, El Salvador, England, France, Germany, Mexico, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Scotland.

Thanks again to our great VIC hosts who welcome each visitor to our area. And thanks much to Ray and Linda Noble for keeping track of the visitor stats each summer!

VIC Visitor Confirms Relation to Meriwether Lewis

This summer brought a very special visitor to the Three Forks Chamber Visitor Information Center! VIC Hostess, Carolyn Miller reported that a gentleman by the name of George Meriwether who currently lives in Texas, stopped in to gather as much information as he could on the Lewis & Clark Expedition. George was very excited because earlier this Spring he had been notified by an organization in Kentucky that he might be related to Meriwether Lewis of the "said expedition". George was DNA tested and confirmed a "certified" direct descendent of Meriwether Lewis!!

Carolyn was excited after spending time listening to George's information, saying "his story was so cool"! She took his picture and quickly jotted down a note to share with the Chamber about the special visitor! Carolyn said, "this is why we are here, it's so exciting and fun when we can help our travelers".

Big thanks to Carolyn and all of our great VIC Hostesses for your great service to our community!



Upcoming Events

- First Day of Autumn—September 23rd
- Civic & Economic Development Meeting-Sept25 at Noon at City Hall
- TF City Council Meeting-Sept 28th @ 7pm at City Hall
- Columbus Day—October 8th
- TF Chamber Meeting—October 8th at noon at City Hall
- TF City Council Meeting—October 9th @ 7pm at City Hall
- TF School Board Meeting—October 16th at 6:30pm
- Willow Creek School PIR Day—Oct 18-19—No School



Three Forks Chamber Committees Current Planning in the Works

Civic & Economic Development Committee
Meeting—Tuesday, September 25th at noon at City Hall

Ambassador Committee

Special Events Committee

Christmas Stroll Committee Meetings will begin soon! Be watching for information and meeting dates!





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Headwaters Heritage Museum Closes for the Season

The Headwaters Heritage Museum will close for the season on Sunday, September 30. Hours on Sundays are from 11 am to 3 pm. As always, admission is free! Visits to the museum during the off season can be arranged by calling 581-5546 or 285-3644. Thanks go to everyone for supporting the museum throughout the year with donations, membership in the Three Forks Area Historical Society and/or volunteering time and talents to the operation of the museum. The annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held October 6.

Anyone interested in becoming a docent next summer, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 581-5546.

Visitors to the museum come from nearly all the states and many countries. Being a volunteer is also a great way to learn more about our local history.

Advertising Opportunities

- Annual Christmas Stroll
- Chamber Special Events

Contact the Chamber for more details!



Call or email the Chamber office if you have any questions!
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Three Forks Chamber of Commerce Website Information:

Are you a Featured Member?

This new feature on our website automatically selects four of our members to be listed on the main page.

Check www.ThreeForksMontana.com today to see who is listed!

Expanding Our Reach

The Three Forks Chamber Monthly Newsletter is available to non-members! Invite your friends to go to www.ThreeForksMontana.com to sign up!

We are excited to provide this service as another way to get the word out about all our great members! Contact us anytime to request ad space or to have your business spotlighted in the next newsletter! Ad space and spotlights are only available to members- and it's free!

Online Membership Renewal is Live!

The membership drive is in full swing, and we are proud to be offering an online renewal and payment option.

To renew, go to www.ThreeForksMontana.com, log in, and follow the prompts.

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 American Legion Post #93 and Auxiliary
 BBG Contractors Inc
 Belgrade News
 Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County
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 Gallatin College
 Gallatin Insurance
 Gator Gutters
 Harmon Enterprises Construction Inc
 Headwaters Area Food Bank
 Headwaters Community Arts Institute
 Headwaters Golf Course
 Headwaters Heritage Museum
 Headwaters Livestock Auction LLC
 Headwaters Storage
 Headwaters Trail System
 Headwaters Veterinary Hospital PC
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 L&L Site Services
 Lone Mountain Flatwork
 LRC Montana
 M & W Machine Inc
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 Manhattan Bank—Three Forks Branch
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 McLean Plumbing & Heating
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 Pathway's Assisted Living Inc
 Plaza Bar
 Ramsey Hardwood Floors
 ReBoot Computers, LLC
 Red Tiger Drilling
 Republic Services
 Restoration Massage Therapy LLC
 Roadarmel Construction Inc
 Rockin the Rivers
 Ron's Diesel Repair & Towing Inc
 Sausage Equipment & Supply
 Seiler's Hardware
 Sky View Storage
 Stageline Pizza
 Stockman Bank—Manhattan
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 Three Forks Area Ambulance
 Three Forks Automotive Repair
 Three Forks Bible Church
 Three Forks Christian Center AOG
 Three Forks Community Library
 Three Forks Family Dentistry
 Three Forks Motor Supply
 Three Forks Physical Therapy Inc
 Three Forks Public Schools
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 Three Forks Storage
 Three Forks Video Shop
 Three Forks Youth Rec Task Force
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 Three Forks Rodeo Arena
 Three Valleys Insurance & Real Estate
 Thriftway Super Stops
 Tim's Diesel & Auto Repair
 Townsend Dental
 Traveler's Ink
 Tudor & Associates, Inc
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